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Pravda Ukrainy, No 31, 8 Feb 49

I. F. Belobrov, director of Makeyevka Metallurgical Plant imeni Kirov, has stated that the plant fulfilled the 1948 plan in all phases of the metallurgical cycle on 9 December. During the year the plant delivered thousands of tons of pig iron, steel, and industrial rolled iron above the plan. As a result of lowering the production cost, 16,842,000 rubles were saved instead of the pledged 15 million.

The labor-productivity plan was fulfilled 114.7 percent. Productivity increased 18.8 percent compared with 1947, and wages rose 17.7 percent. The average annual wage in the plant amounted to 1,016 rubles.

Sovetskaya Latvya, No 33, 10 Feb 49

Workers of the "Zaporozhstroy" Order of Lenin Trust have restored the second powerful smelting furnace in the ferroalloy plant of Zaporozhstal' 2 months ahead of schedule. The furnace has put out its first melt. All mechanized equipment is working well.

IZHORA PLANT INCREASES PRODUCTION -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 29, 5 Feb 49

The Izhora Plant imeni A. A. Zhdanov has been steadily increasing the volume of high-quality smelting, production of rolled steel, pipes, and other metal products. The 1948 plan was fulfilled ahead of schedule. Metal output in 1948 increased considerably as compared with 1947. In 1948, for the first time since the war, production of rolled steel and pipes became profitable and labor efficiency in those shops exceeded the prewar level by 21 percent.

Izhora steel, rolled steel, section iron, seamless pipes, boilers, locomotive chassis, autoclaves, and many other products are shipped to all parts of the country. Production costs were 6.1 percent lower in 1948 than in 1947. Loss through waste was reduced and new techniques increased gross production by 30 percent.

URAL METALLURGISTS REACH 1950 LEVEL -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 3, 5 Jan 49

Plants subordinate to the Main Administration of the Metallurgical Industry of the Urals reported, in a letter to Stalin, that their pledge made in January to complete the Five-Year Plan for the entire metallurgical cycle in 4 years has been completed ahead of schedule. In 11 months and 22 days of 1948, the plants have produced more pig iron, steel, and rolled iron than was provided in the plan for 1950. The 1948 plan was also completed ahead of schedule: on 24 November for steel, on 26 November for pig iron, and on 6 December for rolled iron. The plants' production in 1948 as compared with 1940 increased as follows: 2.3 times for pig iron, 1.8 times for steel, and 1.6 times for rolled iron.

The increase in production in 1948 as compared with 1947 is as follows: 16.7 percent for pig iron, 13 percent for steel, 11.5 percent for rolled iron. Electrotechnical sheet-iron production increased 50.6 percent in 1948 over 1947; stainless band steel increased 35 percent; light sheet iron, 13 percent; galvanized sheet iron, 19 percent; and tin plate, 75 percent. The new tinplate shops of the Severskiy Metallurgical Plant attained the 1949 level at the end of the year. Labor productivity increased 15 percent above the plan and 17.5 percent over 1947. Savings of 74,400,000 rubles above the plan were realized in 11 months of 1948. (From a letter to Stalin, signed by: Tatarintsev, chief, Main Administration of Metallurgical Industry of Urals; Germanov, deputy chief

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and chief engineer, Administration of Metallurgical Industry of Urals; Yukva, deputy chief, Main Administration of Metallurgical Industry of Urals; Yuk'yanenko, secretary, Party Organization, Main Administration of Metallurgical Industry of Urals; Tregulov, director, Lys'va Plant; Markov, director, Khashva Plant; Radkevich, director, Verkh-Is Plant; Popov, director, Chusovoy Plant; Gulyayev, director, Nizhniy Tagil Plant; Ovcharenko, director, Beloretsk Metallurgical Combine; Vershinin, director, Alapayevsk Metallurgical Combine; Sysoyev, director, Ufaley Plant; Kiselev, director, Dobryanka Plant; Lipukhin, director, Chernoz Plant; Mineyev, director, Satka Plant; Levin, director, Nizhniye Sergi Plant; Kasachenko, director, Staroutkinsk Plant; Matovkin, director, Maykor Plant; Zhuravlev, director, Nizhnyaya Salda Plant.)

NOVOSIBIRSK PLANT WINS AWARD -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 18, 28 Jan 49

The Novosibirsk Metallurgical Plant took first place among the city's enterprises in the December competition. The plant produced much rolled iron above plan, increased labor productivity by 28 percent, and realized 1,428,000 rubles in above-plan profits. Loshchenkov, chairman, Novosibirsk City Committee of the VKP(b), awarded the Red Banner to Lazutkin, director of the plant, and to the workers.

NEW KAZAKH OPEN-HEARTH FURNACE -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 4, 6 Jan 49

Construction and assembly of the third open-hearth furnace has been completed in the Kazakh Metallurgical Plant in Temir-Tau, and it will be put into operation in the near future.

FAR EAST STEEL PLANT COMPLETES 1948 PLAN -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 1, 1 Jan 49

The "Amurstal" (Amur Steel) Plant completed its 1948 plan on 16 December and realized a profit of 2.5 million rubles above the plan.

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